

Constitution of Ministries of Vision International

Article I NAME

The legal name of this corporation is Ministries of Vision International, Inc. It may also be referred to and do business as Vision International or MVI.

Article II LOCATION

The principal office of this corporation is located in Palestine, Texas.

Article III MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION

The management of the affairs of the corporation is vested solely in the Board of Directors. Members of the corporation may vote at the annual membership meeting only on items of business submitted to them by the Board.

Article IV DURATION

This corporation shall continue and exist perpetually unless it is dissolved or its existence is otherwise terminated under the provisions of law. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article V NOT FOR PROFIT

This corporation is an association of ministers and churches, incorporated exclusively for religious purposes. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions for the furtherance of the purposes set forth in these articles. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of lobbying, propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any further United States

Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation's contributions of which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

No discrimination shall be made on the basis of race, gender, or ethnic origin.

Article VI PURPOSE

The purposes of the Ministries of Vision International are:

- A. To provide oversight to the ministers and churches of the association as they pursue their vision and Biblical mandates of worship, evangelism, pastoral care, education and charity.
- B. The preservation of historic foundational doctrines.
- C. To train, license and ordain ministers, promote missionary activity, plant churches, and to promote and coordinate relationships with MVI fellowships and churches in other countries.
- D. To appoint, send, and provide oversight of pastors, ministers, and missionaries.
- E. Recognition of Biblical pastoral headship in the local church under the supervision of the governing boards of Ministries of Vision International.
- F. Administrative stewardship of properties of the corporation.

Article VII OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this corporation, its churches and ministries are, but not limited to, the following:

- A. To maintain a suitable, self-perpetuating organization to manage the affairs of this corporation and to support the member churches and ministries of Ministries of Vision International.
- B. To license and/or ordain ministers of the gospel in accordance with such regulations contained in the By-Laws.
- C. To establish, accept and grant membership to churches and religious organizations for the propagation of the gospel in the United States and all foreign countries.
- D. To own, hold, develop, maintain, operate, lease, encumber, sell, exchange, convey, and to otherwise acquire, dispose of, or manage, or deal with, or in property of every nature and description, both real and personal, and whether situated in the United States or any foreign country, to such extent as may be necessary or convenient in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of this corporation.

E. To buy, sell, exchange, encumber, and generally deal in real property, including but not limited to, improved or unimproved real estate, office buildings, store buildings, school buildings, college buildings and dormitories, hotels, apartments and dwelling houses.

F. To acquire, sell, hold, use, license, assign or otherwise dispose of any and all trade marks, trade names, and all inventions, improvements, or processes or secured under letters patented of the United States or elsewhere.

G. To carry out all or any of the aforesaid objectives as persons, agents, contractors or otherwise, either alone or in connection with any person, firm, association or corporation.

H. To acquire by gift, donation, devise or bequest real and/or personal property for the use, benefit and furtherance of the purposes and objectives of this corporation in the United States and in all foreign countries, with full power to use, sell and dispose of same and convert such property into cash, securities or other classes of properties, for the use and benefit of the corporation, and for promotion of the objectives for which the corporation is organized.

I. To qualify to do business in any state, territory or dependency of the United States or any foreign country and to conduct business within or without the State of Texas and/or the United States or any foreign country.

J. To receive, create, provide for, set up and use pension and/or endowment funds in furtherance of the objectives and purposes of the corporation.

K. To carry on printing and/or publication activities, including making, acquiring, selling and disposing of printed books, tracts, leaflets and literature or music pertaining to and in any way consistent with the purposes herein set forth.

L. To establish, maintain and operate day care centers, Christian schools, Bible colleges, recreational centers, youth centers, camps, homes for destitute or indigent persons, hospitals, rest homes and homes for missionaries of the church, or churches, operated by this corporation, who are retired or on furlough, and homes for other retired employees of the church, or churches, operated by this corporation.

M. To do any and all acts or things necessary, suitable or convenient for accomplishment of any purposes, or for attainment of any one or more objects herein specified, or which shall, at any time, appear conducive thereto, or expedient therefore, if not inconsistent with provisions of any laws which might apply to accomplishment of such purposes or attainment of such objects.

It is intended that the foregoing objectives, purposes and powers of this Article shall not, unless otherwise specified herein, be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause of this or any other Article in this Constitution and By-Laws, but that the objectives and purposes specified in these Articles shall be regarded as indefinite objectives and purposes.

Article VIII TENETS OF FAITH

This corporation shall accept the Bible as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts the following statement of fundamental truths approved by the Board of Directors.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, eternal Word of God. II Timothy 3:16, 17; Hebrews 4:12; II Peter 1:21; Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89, 160.

We believe that there is one triune God, eternally existent as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that this God is immutable, totally sovereign, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 5:18, 23; 10:29, 30; Psalm 139:7; I Corinthians 2:10,11; Hebrews 1:5-12 (cf. Psalms 102:25ff); Hebrews 9:14; II Corinthians 13:14.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. John 1:1-5; 20:28; Colossians 1:15-17; Matthew 1:22, 23; 3:16, 17; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:25; Matthew 28:5-7; I Corinthians 15:3-8; Acts 1:9-11; 2:32-33; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 4:8-10; Hebrews 1:2-3; I Thessalonians. 4:16-18.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. Salvation is by faith alone through grace alone. Both justification and sanctification are the works of the Holy Spirit in those who trust in Jesus. John 3:5, 6; Titus 3:5, 6; Ephesians 2:8; Galatians 3:2-3; I Peter 1:2.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9-11, 13-15; 15:18, 19; II Corinthians 1:21, 22; Ephesians 3:14-19; 5:18-20.

We believe in the personal baptism with the Holy Spirit as received by believers "at the beginning." We believe in the present day manifestation of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church. John 1:33; 20:21-23; Acts 1:8; 2:4; 4:31; 8:17; 10:44-46; 19:3-6; Romans 12: 6-8; I Corinthians 12:13, 27-31; 14:1-40; Ephesians 5:18.

We believe in obeying the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment. Matthew 22:37, 38; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost—of they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and of they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29; I Corinthians 15:20-23; Revelation 20:11-15.

We believe in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the time of death. All human life is precious in the sight of God. Luke 1:15; Galatians 1:15; Psalm 22:10; 71:6; 139:13-14. Mark 8:36; Psalm 72:14; Isaiah 43:4.

We believe that marriage and family are institutions ordained by the Lord God Himself from the very beginning of human history and these are sacred institutions. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Any other definition of marriage is contrary to the clear teachings of the Holy Bible and hence against the expressed will of God. Genesis 1:27-28; 2:20b-24; I Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4.

We believe that God created men and women as sexual beings. Sexuality is an integral and beautiful part of creation. The Bible clearly teaches that any sexual act outside of marriage whether in thought, word, or deed is sin. Genesis 1:27-28; Matthew 5:27-28; Proverbs 6:25-26; I Corinthians 6:9-10, 18; I Thessalonians 4:3-8.

We believe that unity regarding the foundational doctrines clearly taught in the Holy Bible is absolutely essential. At the same time we also affirm that we must accept one another in the love of Jesus recognizing that there are different styles and expressions of worship. We are all members of the Body of Christ. All the members of the Body do not look exactly alike in external details. Yet, together we are the Body of Christ and are called to build His Kingdom in harmony and agape love. John 17:11; Romans 12:1-13; 14:1-23; I Corinthians 12:4-6, 27-28; Ephesians 4:1-6.

Article IX BIBLICAL [or SCRIPTURAL] ORDINANCES

Section 1 – Baptism

The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Matthew 28:19) shall be administered to all those who have repented of their sins and who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, and who give clear evidence of their salvation. Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12

Section 2 – Lord's Supper

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall regularly be observed as enjoined in the Scriptures. Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Article X AMENDMENTS

The Articles of this Constitution may be adopted, amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.